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REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

By this Amendment, claims 2, 3-5, 8-9, 11 and 13-16 have been amended.

Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 12 and 40 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 2, 3-5, 8-9, 11 and 13-16 are pending in the present application.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-16 and 40 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Gentile (U.S. Patent 5,949,968, hereinafter "Gentile") in view of Quieroz ("Mixed Raster Content MRC model for compound image compression", hereinafter "Quieroz") and Hiroshi (Japanese Patent No. 05-110737, hereinafter "Hiroshi") and further in view of Litwiller (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0132960 A1, hereinafter "Litwiller"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

According to exemplary embodiments of the present invention, an image processing device which extracts character, graphic and photograph regions from image data acquired by reading an original document and performs image processing for the regions and then re-synthesizes them to prepare a document image file allows designation of a desired compression method for each region data. Specifically, the image processing device includes a compression method selection unit for selecting from a plurality of compression methods for each region. In addition, the image processing device includes a compression process mode setting unit which displays a plurality of compression process modes on a display, enabling